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SUBJECT: OECD/CSTP - FIRST MEETING OF WORKING-PARTY ON
INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS
POLICY (ICCP), MARCH 1-3.

REF: TELECON CRAWFORD-WAIT.

1. TEXT OF SECRETARIAT'S LETTER OF INVITATION - QUOTE:
AT ITS 15TH MEETING ON 19TH-20TH OCTOBER 1976 THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY DECIDED TO REORGANISE THE ORGANISATION'S WORK ON INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, WHICH IN THE PAST HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE COMPUTER UTILISATION GROUP AND THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION POLICY GROUP AND THEIR SUB-GROUPS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THESE TWO GROUPS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A SINGLE WORKING PARTY AND MR. MARTIN LOF (SWEDISH DELEGATE TO THE CSTP) WAS INVITED TO CHAIR IT. MR. MARTIN LOF HAS ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ICCP GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 1ST-3RD MARCH, 1977 AND I AM WRITING TO INVITE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE DELEGATES TO
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THIS GROUP. THE AREA COVERED BY ITS PROGRAMME IS SET OUT IN DOCUMENT SPT(76)25, FROM WHICH YOU WILL SEE THAT IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GROUP CONSIDER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, SUCH AS DATA AND PRIVACY PROTECTION, THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION, THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION POLICY, INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE ASPECTS IN

TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICIES, ETC.

FOR THIS REASON IT MAY BE DESIRABLE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO BE REPRESENTED BY ONE OR MORE SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH BROAD EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE FIELDS. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY AD-HOC WORKING GROUPS OF EXPERTS CREATED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CSTP AND SUPERVISED BY THE ICCP GROUP, AS SET OUT IN PARAS. 11 AND 14 OF SPT(76)25.

ATTACHED IS A DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ICCP GROUP. AS YOU WILL SEE, ONE OF THE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IS THE PROPOSED MANDATE OF THE NEW GROUP. THIS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1977 FOR CONSIDERATION; THE ICCP GROUP SHOULD THEN BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND AGREE ON A FINAL VERSION WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE CSTP IN MAY FOR APPROVAL.

ANOTHER ITEM ON THE DRAFT AGENDA IS THE NEW GROUP'S PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1978. THIS SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE MEDIUM TERM PROGRAM LISTED IN ANNEX I OF DOCUMENT SPT(76)25, ALTHOUGH NEW PROJECTS COULD ALSO BE PROPOSED. DELEGATES TO THIS FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPRESS THEIR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON PRIORITIES IN THE SAME WAY AS HAS BEEN DONE FOR THE 1977 PROGRAM.

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OF DELEGATES BY FEBRUARY 10TH, 1977, SO THAT WE CAN FORWARD TO THEM THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. END QUOTE (SIGNED DAVID BECKLER, DIRECTOR).

2. AGENDA (NOTE: A MORE COMPLETE AGENDA FOR THE FORUM DISCUSSION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY 1977).

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA - DSTI/ICCP(77)1
3. STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT
4. MANDATE OF THE INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY GROUP (ICCP) - SPT(76)40
5. REVIEW OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - SPT(76)37, SPT/M(76)3, SPT(76)49
6. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF ICCP - SPT(76)25, PARA. 5, 11

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7. MODE OF OPERATION - SPT(76)25, PARA. 14-16
8. IMPLEMENTATION OF 1977 PROGRAMME - SPT(76)25,
PARA. 4 AND ANNEX I
9. FORUM DISCUSSION
 - (A) KEYNOTE SPEECHES :
 - THE NEED FOR MORE INTEGRATION OF INFORMATION,
COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: A CHALLENGE
FOR ADVANCED ECONOMIES
 - RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND THE EMERGENCE
OF MULTIMEDIA POLICIES
 - (B) PRESENTATION OF ONE OR MORE SYSTEMS ILLUSTRATING THE NEED FOR ICC POLICY INTEGRATION
 - (C) INVITED COMMENTS FROM SOME DELEGATES
 - (D) GENERAL DISCUSSION
10. 1978 PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES - SPT(76)25,
ANNEX I
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
12. OTHER BUSINESS.

3. (A) TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW. THE DATA BANK PANEL WILL
MEET FEB 3-4 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE FALL 1977
SYMPOSIUM.
(B) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION SECTOR. MISSION
UNDERSTANDS THAT INTEREST IN US WORK THIS FIELD (THE
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MARC PORAT STUDY) IS HIGH, AND THAT SEVERAL MEMBER-COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE A FORMAL US WORK PROPOSAL AND PLAN TO THE ICCP WHEN IT MEETS MARCH 1-3. THE ICCP IS EXPECTED TO ENDORSE SUCH A PROPOSAL, AND TO CONVENE A PREPARATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS TO FINALIZE A PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CSTP IN MAY. AT THAT TIME, THE CSTP WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A SUB-GROUP OF THE ICCP TO ADAPT THE US STUDY TO OTHER MEMBER-COUNTRIES OF THE OECD. MISSION EMPHASIZES THAT ESSENTIAL FACTORS IN THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAM WILL BE (I) A FORMAL US WORK PROPOSAL AND PLAN (II) IF POSSIBLE, MULTIPLE COPIES OF APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE PORAT STUDY FOR DISTRIBUTION (III) CONTINUOUS US PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE EXPERT GROUP (IV) A STRONG FOCAL POINT IN THE OECD SECRETARIAT (V) AN ACTIVE NETWORK OF MEMBER-COUNTRY EXPERT LIAISON OFFICERS.

4. MR. BECKLER HAS JUST INFORMED THE MISSION OF HIS INTENTION TO INTEGRATE THE STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VARIOUS IPG AND CUG ACTIVITIES INTO A UNIT THAT WILL IN FUTURE REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, AND NOT, AS WAS FORMERLY THE CASE, THROUGH A DIVISION HEAD WITH MANY SUB-PROGRAMS TO MANAGE.
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